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MR. SPEAKER : I endorse the Hon. Minister's view. When the hon. Member generally states 'defective system', he presumes that it exists. Let the hon. Member put a specific question instead of making a general statement like this.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : At present the co-operative farms are set up only to get more grants from the Government, instead of producing more. In such cases, may I know what the Government propose to do?

MR. SPEAKER : This is another insinuation. Does the Hon. Minister agree with the statement made by the hon. Member?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I just want to clear the misapprehension. Because, we see that this sort of wrong impression goes about among the people. Co-operative farming is done by small and poor landholders and they do not have the wherewithal to buy the ploughs, implements and other things. Therefore, the Government give subsidies in respect of certain items and half-grants in respect of other items. If that is stopped, the poor cultivator will continue to remain poor and he cannot improve agriculture.

Copper

* 778 *Q*.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the number of persons and firms for whom quotas were allotted for the supply of copper, zinc, iron and steel by the Government and the quantity allotted to each of them for the last three years?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Statements containing particulars of the number of persons and firms for whom quotas were allotted for the supply of copper, zinc, iron and steel by the Government and the quantity allotted to each of them for the last three years are placed in the Legislature Library.

Nuisance

* 779 *Q*.—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether the Government have instructed the City and Town Police to be more vigilant in the matter of rounding up people committing nuisance?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir. But it is usual as part of the regular police duty to depute moving beats from the night section men early in the morning as a preventive measure and also to prosecute people committing nuisance.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is the Hon. Minister aware that City lanes and streets have become good breeding grounds for all diseases because of the nuisance committed and if so, will the Government take more vigorous steps to see that the people who commit nuisance are rounded up immediately?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would request the hon. Member to note down particular spots which are bad and communicate it to the Commissioner of Police.